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SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE WITH A BIPOLAR TRANSISTOR, AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING SUCH A METHOD

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-5 and amend claims 6-10 as follows:

whereby a first semiconductor region is formed in a semiconductor body comprising a substrate, which first semiconductor region lies in the semiconductor body, is of a first conductivity type forms a collector region of a bipolar transistor, and is provided with a first connection conductor, whereby a second semiconductor region of a second conductivity type opposed to the first is formed above said first semiconductor region, which second semiconductor region forms a base region of the transistor, adjoins the surface of the semiconductor body, and is provided with a second connection conductor at said surface, and whereby a third semiconductor region is formed which is recessed into the second semiconductor